Lexington County Green Business Certification Program

Lexington County
Solid Waste Management and Public Works
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Who Can Participate?



Any workplace, organization, business, non-profit, office, school, or congregation.



Certification Areas





Waste Reduction/Recycling



Energy Efficiency



Water Conservation



Air Quality



How Does It Work?

- Application
- Set goals
- Establish Green Team
- Meet goals and earn 10 green points
- Self -certify goals are being met
- Recognition
- Yearly report certifying membership
- Continuous membership
- Green Business Member/Certified





Businesses must submit an application outlining its green goals.



Establish A Green Team



to establish an internal Green Team. The Green Team will ensure that the organization is meeting its green goals and serve as the liaison to Project Coordinators. It can consist of 1 person or 10!



Green Points



- 10 green points must be achieved in one of the four areas to be considered a Green Business Member in a specific area.
- Each step that is taken is given a 2, 4, or 6 point value. All the steps taken in one area must equal 10 points.
- We have created help sheets as guidance, but the possibilities are endless.

Example: Waste Reduction and Recycling

- Recycle cardboard and paper (4 pts)
- Installed hand dryers in the bathrooms (2 pts)
- Buys recycled trash can liners (4 pts)

This business would qualify as a Green Business Member in the area of waste reduction and recycling.

Self-Certification



Once a business has implemented the steps necessary to achieve 10 green points, the owner, CEO or president must send a letter to the county certifying completion and request to be a Green Business Member.

Recognition



Lexington County Green Business Members will be recognized by the following:

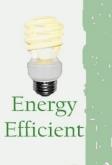
- Decal for window
- Recognition in front of County Council
- Listed on County website
- Certificate





Green Business Member









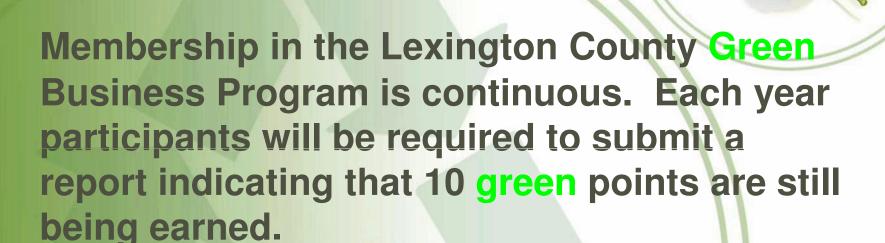
Air Aware



This seal will be provided to businesses to display in the window



Continuous Membership/ Yearly Report





Lexington County Green Business Member

Lexington County Certified Green Business

VS.

10 points in one, two, or three 10 points in all four areas. areas.

Must maintain current steps each year.

Implement one <u>new step</u> each year.

Charter Member



If your business if already "green", you may be eligible to be a Green Business Charter Member.

If you are already taking steps that equal 10 green points in just one area and submit your application in November, you can receive this special recognition.



Lexington County Green Business Certification Program Department of Public Works And Solid Waste Management



Green Business Membership Application

This form must accompany a signed statement by the CEO, President, or Owner on company letterhead.

1. Company Name:
2. Contact Person:
3. Mailing Address:
City:, SC Zip Code:
4. Phone Number:
5. Email Address:
6. Website Address:
 What does your company do? Give a brief description of your business so we can accurately list your business on the green business website.
can accurately list your business on the green business website. 8. Can other businesses contact you for ideas and suggestions?
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Mission: Provide quality services to our citizens at a reasonable cost Vision: Planned growth for our communities with abundant opportunities for all in a quality environment.



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